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Dear Parents/ Carers

Covid-19 Update

Following yesterday's government announcement, we are very pleased that we will be able to welcome all children back to school from Monday 8th March. We thank you for all your support during the past term, both with home learning and when the children are in school.

We will be continuing with the same safety arrangements as before Christmas, with one change to the pick up and drop off arrangements for parents which is explained below. Please help us to keep everyone as safe as possible by following the safety measures that we have put in place.

Pick up and Drop off

Change to arrangements: For those parents who use the gate at the end of the car park (for class 3 and some Reception children), when you leave the car park, **if you intend to turn left** (so walking towards the zebra crossing), please can you **walk along the playground at the front of school** instead of turning left out of the car park gate – this will help to avoid congestion on the pavement outside school as other people are arriving. If you turn right out of the car park gate then please continue to use that route.

A reminder not to wait in any of the gateway areas when dropping off or collecting your children as this causes congestion for others who are arriving – either accompany them through the playground to their classroom door or, if you wish to drop your child at the gate, we can watch them go in.

Also, please help us to avoid congestion by:

- only sending one adult to drop off/collect
- arriving at the right time (the gates will close just after 9am)
- keeping a 2metre distance from others
- following the one-way systems
- not waiting to talk to anyone on the playgrounds.

The gates will open at 8.40am and 3.05pm.

All children in **Reception Class 1, Year 2 and Year 4** should arrive at **8.45am** and be collected at **3.10pm**

All children in **Reception Class 2, Year 1 and Year 3** should arrive at **8.55am** and be collected at **3.20pm**.

If you need childcare outside of these times, please contact the Westwood Kids' Club. Siblings may be dropped off/collected at the same time.

Face Coverings

All parents, carers and other adults who are dropping off or collecting children should wear a face covering when on site.



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Personal Belongings

Please make sure that your child has everything with them that they need for school each day as we will be unable to take any forgotten items from the office to the classrooms. Your child will need:

- suitable clothing for the weather (coat, hat, gloves) as we will be going outside whatever the weather – please make sure that everything is named
- a named water bottle (to be taken home on Fridays for sterilising)
- a named pencil case with pencil, sharpener, ruler, rubber and coloured pencils if possible
- a named bookbag
- to wear their PE kit on their PE day (please check on Class Dojo if you're not sure when this is)

Break Times and Lunch Times

We will be continuing with the handwashing routines that have been in place and the staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes for class “bubbles”.

The National Fruit Scheme has now resumed for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 though they may continue to order toast for break time if they wish – the cost is 30p per day and should be paid for the week in advance on a Monday (so £1.50 to be brought into school on a Monday in a named envelope if your child wishes to have toast every day).

Free School Meals and Foodbank Vouchers

A reminder that we can provide **Foodbank vouchers** if you need them. Please email or phone us if you would like foodbank vouchers and we will arrange this for you in confidence. If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be entitled to means-tested **Free School Meals** status, please ensure that you go to the Staffordshire County Council website and make an application: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/WEB/FSMWeb/>

Spare Uniform

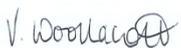
We do have some spare uniform so if your child has grown out of their uniform and you'd like us to see if we have some in their size, please let us know. If you have any unwanted uniform, please send it in so that we can pass it on to others.

Covid-19 symptoms

Please also make sure that if your child has any symptoms at all of Coronavirus that you self-isolate and let us know straightaway, and that they have a test as soon as possible. If we have a positive case confirmed at school we will need to close that “bubble” of children and staff for 10 days which means that the children affected will not be able to come to school and we very much want to avoid that but we need your help to do so. If this happens, we will need to contact you straightaway so please **make sure that we have up to date contact numbers for you in case of closure.**

Thank you for your support with helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible at school. We look forward to seeing everyone back soon!

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Woollacott
Headteacher